

REMARKS

Claims 1-20, 31-36, 41-43, 46-59, 96-98, and 112-125 are pending. Claims 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 12-14, 17, 20-30, 32-33, 36-41, 43-45, 47-55, 60-111, 113, 116-117, 119, and 122-123 have been cancelled. However, Applicants reserve their right to file a divisional application claiming the subject matter of the non-elected or cancelled claims which divisional application claims priority to the present application.

In the listing of claims, the written text of cancelled claims 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 12-14, 17, 20-30, 32-33, 36-41, 43-45, 47-55, 60-111, 113, 116-117, 119, and 122-123 have been deleted. The pending and cancelled claims are indicated appropriately.

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims and allowance of this application.

AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for consideration of this Amendment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 2976-4044US1. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is

hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 2976-4044US1. A DUPLICATE OF THIS DOCUMENT IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,  
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